

Updating Florida's Floodplain Maps

The Problem:

Many Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), which determine the cost of flood insurance based on risk for flooding, are:

- Outdated (10+ years old)
- Difficult to access
- Difficult to update

Why It's Important: Flooding Happens!

- Nationally, more than 30 million Americans are at high risk from flooding
- Almost every one of us may be at *some* risk from flooding
(Even if flood insurance is *not required*, it *can be* a smart investment)
- Most flood or water damage is *not* covered by standard homeowners' insurance

Florida at High Risk

- Increasingly active Hurricane Seasons forecast
- Average 50-60 inches of rainfall a year
- Very flat land and easily saturated soils
- High rates of growth and development change landscapes and flooding risks

